

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 10-35 are pending in this application. Claims 10-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. That rejection is traversed by the present response as discussed next.

Claims 10-35 were rejected as “Applicants specification does not disclose a second support member as claimed in independent claims 10 and 23”.¹

In reply to that grounds for rejection applicants note that to promote prosecution the claims are amended by the present response to no longer refer to a “second support member”. The claims now also clarify the insulating sheet is pressed by “a pressurizing means”, which is expressly supported in the original specification for example at page 8, line 2 et seq.

Applicants, however, also point out the claims as previously written were believed to be fully supported by the original specification. For example with reference to Figures 2A-2C in the present specification as a non-limiting example, an insulating sheet 16 is clearly supported by a member as it is pressed to a height of at least one conductor portion 14 using that at least one conductor portion 14 as a stopper. Thereby, the original figures clearly supported the previously recited claim language.


As noted above, to promote prosecution the claims are amended to no longer recite a “second support member”, and thereby the outstanding rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, is believed to be overcome by the present response.

¹ Office Action of November 29, 2007 page 2, prenumbered paragraph 2.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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